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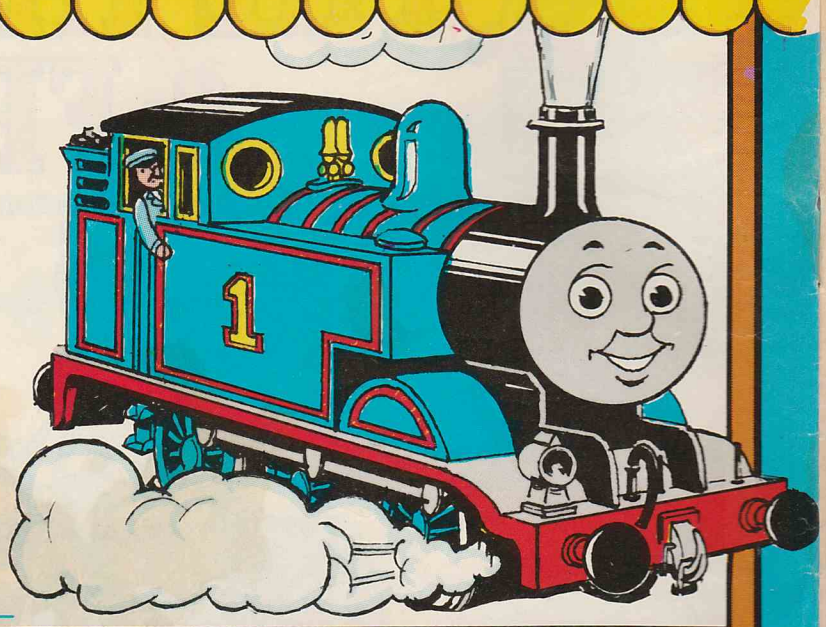
Peep! Peep! Goodbye Trevor?

THE THOMAS CLUB PAGE

Peep! Peep! In this issue, our friend Trevor the Traction Engine has been invited to attend a traction engine convention on the mainland. Once Trevor has left, poor Thomas feels sad! He'll be back soon though! Peep! Peep!



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Gary Brewer (28302), aged 2, **Robert Daly,** aged 4, **Benjamin Du Feu** (30280), **Michael Thomas,** aged 4, **Claire Williams** and **Nicholas Scott Forster** (16011).

If you'd like a special hello from the Fat Controller, please send him details at the address shown on the letters page.

In our next issue: Bill and Ben are separated when they have an argument!

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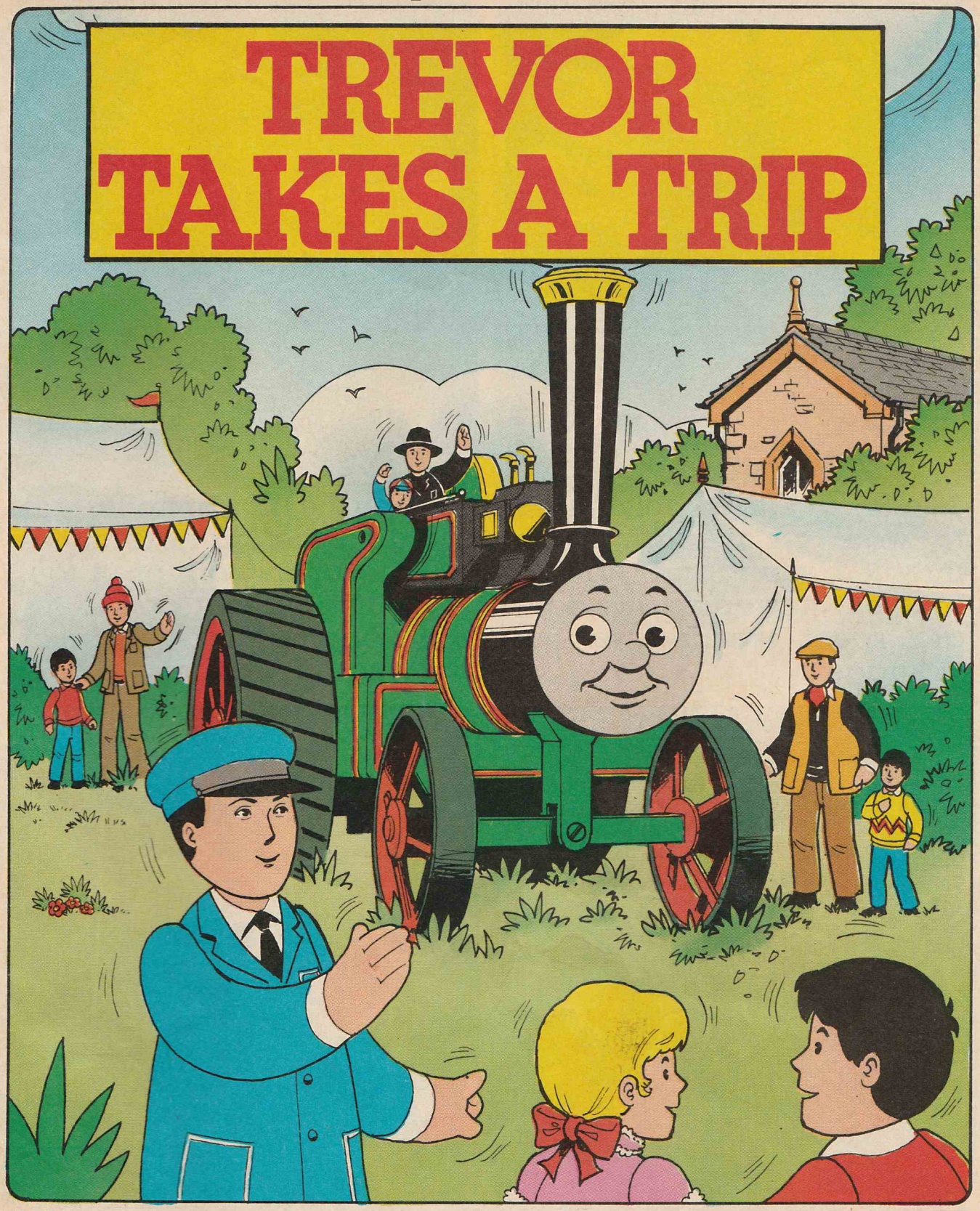
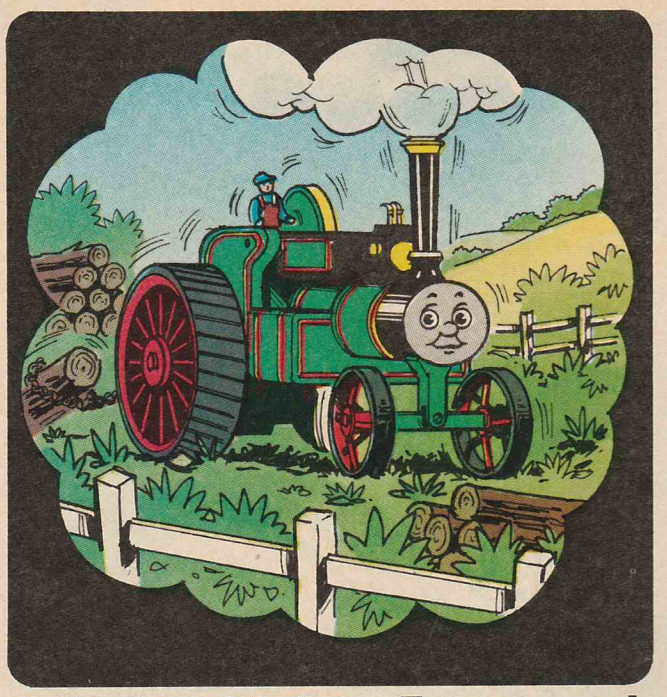


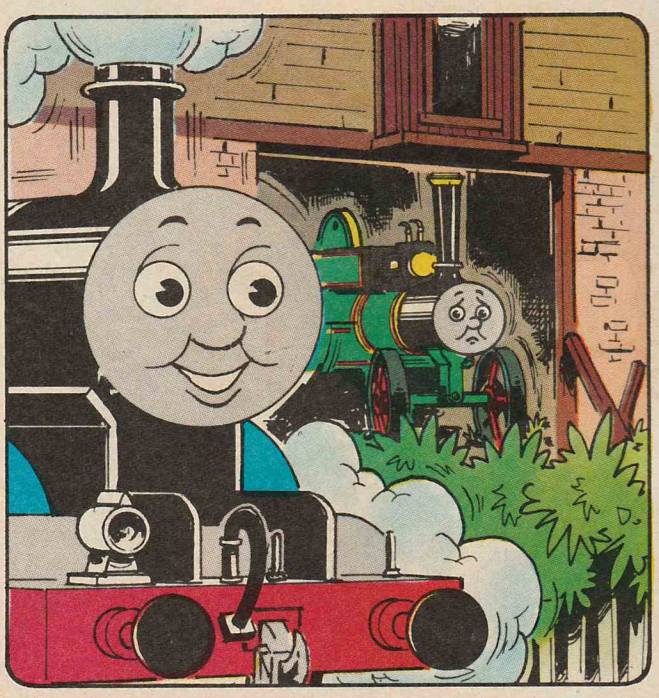
1. Trevor lives in a shed in the Vicarage Orchard. He is a traction engine. From time to time his driver comes to see him and makes sure Trevor is always well-oiled.

2. Whenever there's a church fête, Trevor comes out to give the children rides. This is Trevor's favourite kind of work, though he used to do much more.



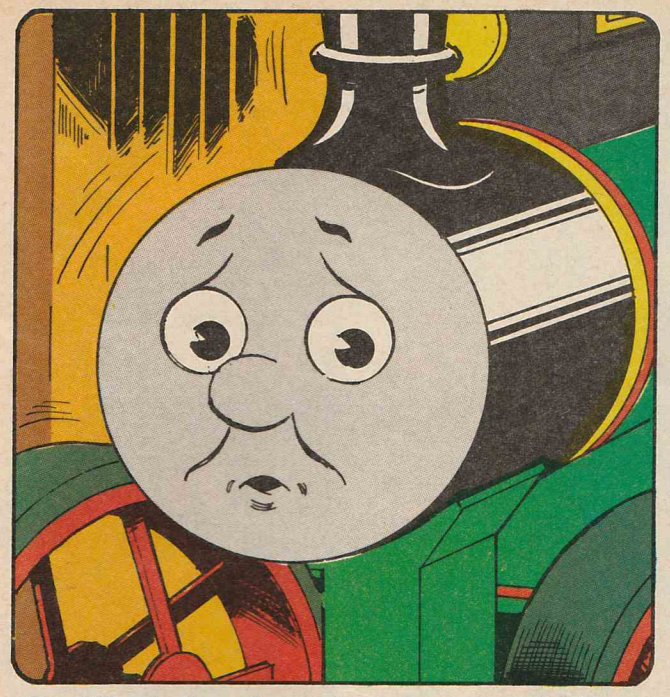
3. In the old days, Trevor used to work on the farms. He threshed corn and hauled logs but nowadays his days are spent working in the vicarage.

4. When the Fat Controller was building the Big Harbour he put Trevor to work on it too. Sometimes Trevor passes his days longingly looking out at the Vicarge Orchard.



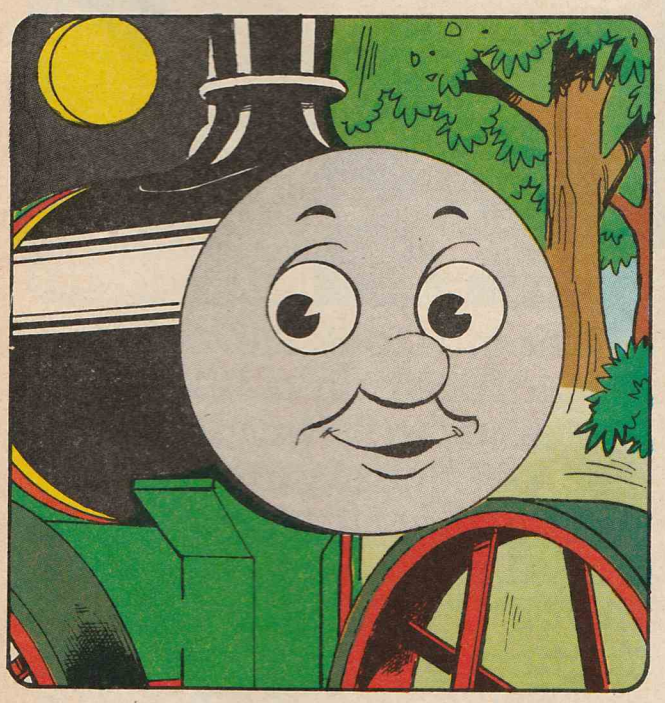
5. One day Thomas passed by. Poor Trevor looked rather sad. "I never get to go anywhere," he complained. "Day in and day out, I'm left sitting in this shed!"

6. "What about the church fêtes?" asked Thomas, trying to cheer Trevor up. "And in the summer you were working by the seaside as well!" "I know," sighed Trevor.



7. "But look at you and the other engines traveling about the island every day, seeing new people and new things!" Thomas didn't know what to say.

8. Just a few days later, Thomas was passing by the vicarage again. "Hullo, Thomas!" called Trevor cheerfully. "I have some very good news."



9. "My driver has received a letter inviting him to enter me into a traction engines convention over on the mainland!" "How exciting," said Thomas.

10. "Yes," sighed Trevor. He looked rather sad again. "There is a problem though." "What's that?" asked Thomas. "Don't you want to go?" I do want to go," said Trevor.

11. Trevor sighed again. "I just don't know about going on a boat," he said. "What if I get all wet and rust? And I can't float you know!" "Don't be so silly," said Thomas. "You don't have to float! The boat can float and you'll be on top of it!" Trevor was rather nervous, but Thomas promised to take him to the harbour himself.

12. Thomas took Trevor to the Big Harbour on a flat truck. The ship was waiting. The men put chains around Trevor, so the crane could lift him. Up in the air went Trevor. "I don't know about floating, but you certainly can fly!" called Thomas. Trevor was still scared, but he was happy as well. "Good Luck," called Thomas.

THE END

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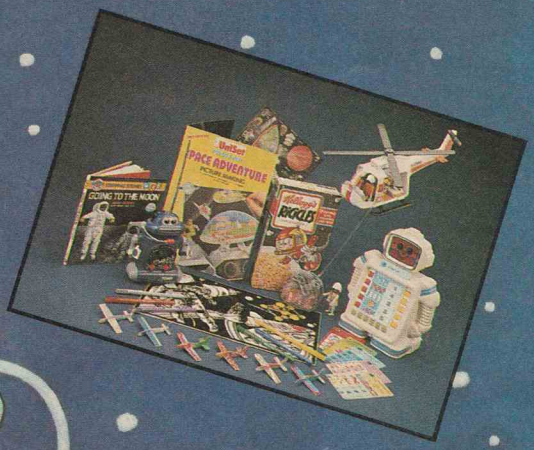
CAPTAIN RIK'S GALACTIC GLIDER COMPETITION



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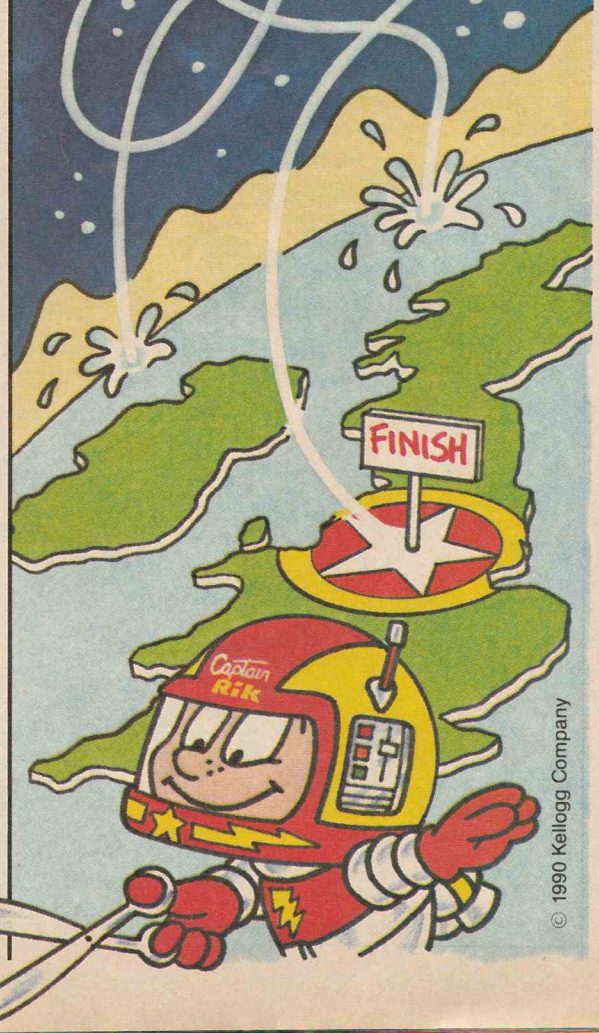

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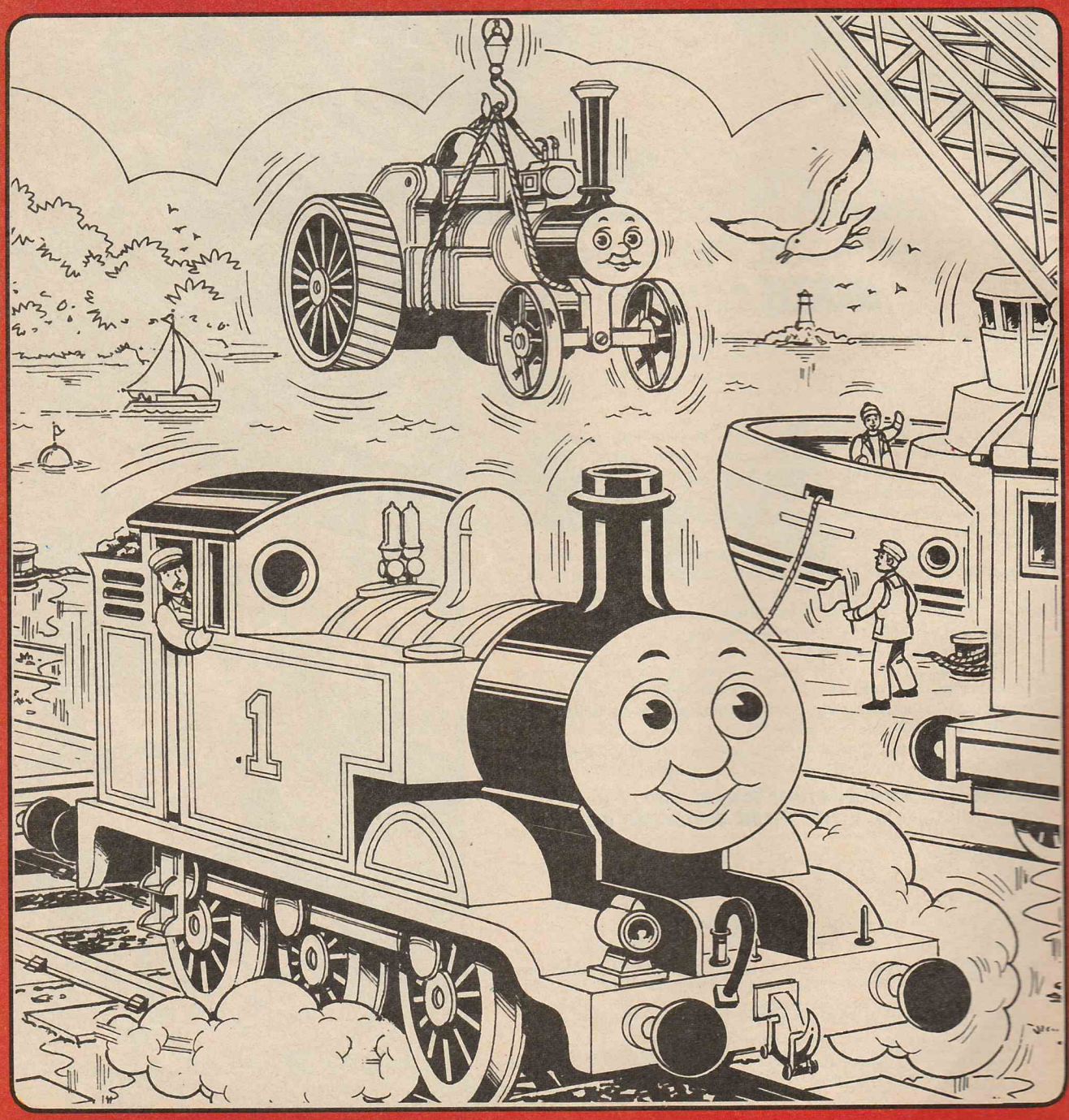

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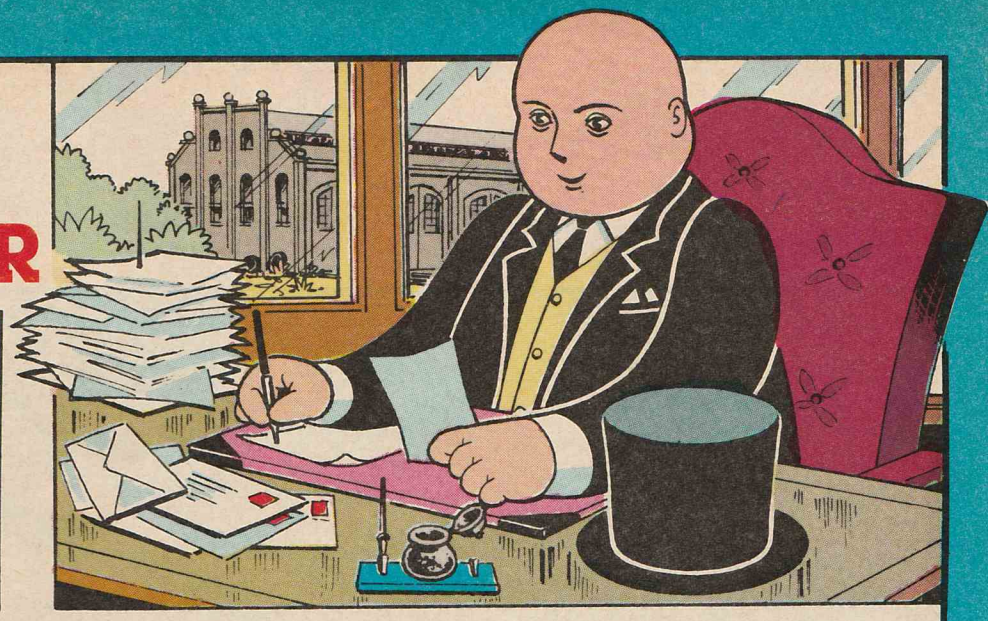

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I have an electric Thomas the Tank Engine train set at home, complete with troublesome trucks, tunnels, station, footbridge and engine shed. I play with it all of the time!

From **Duncan,** aged 7.

Upon my soul! *Your train set sounds enormous! When I was a young boy, I also had a toy train set of my own, too! You may remember that I have only just sold it!*

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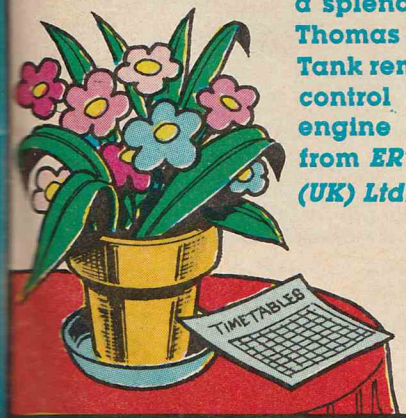

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Dear Fat Controller,
On my holiday I went to an old station at a place called Tintern. I went inside a carriage that was just like Annie and Clarabel! It was great!
Love from **Simon,** aged 5.

Gracious me! *That must have been very exciting indeed! I do hope that you also enjoyed the rest of your holiday too!*

TOO TIRED!

Dear Fat Controller,
Does Gordon ever get tired of pulling the heavy express train up and down so many hills? It must make him feel very weak!
Love from **David,** aged 4.

The reason that Gordon pulls the heavy express is because out of all of my engines, he is the fastest and most powerful! Because of his size, he hardly ever gets tired at all, you know!

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Our very best wishes go to:

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Many happy returns to you all!

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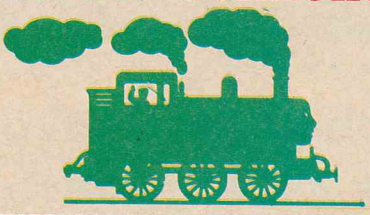
Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt.

the Fat Controller.



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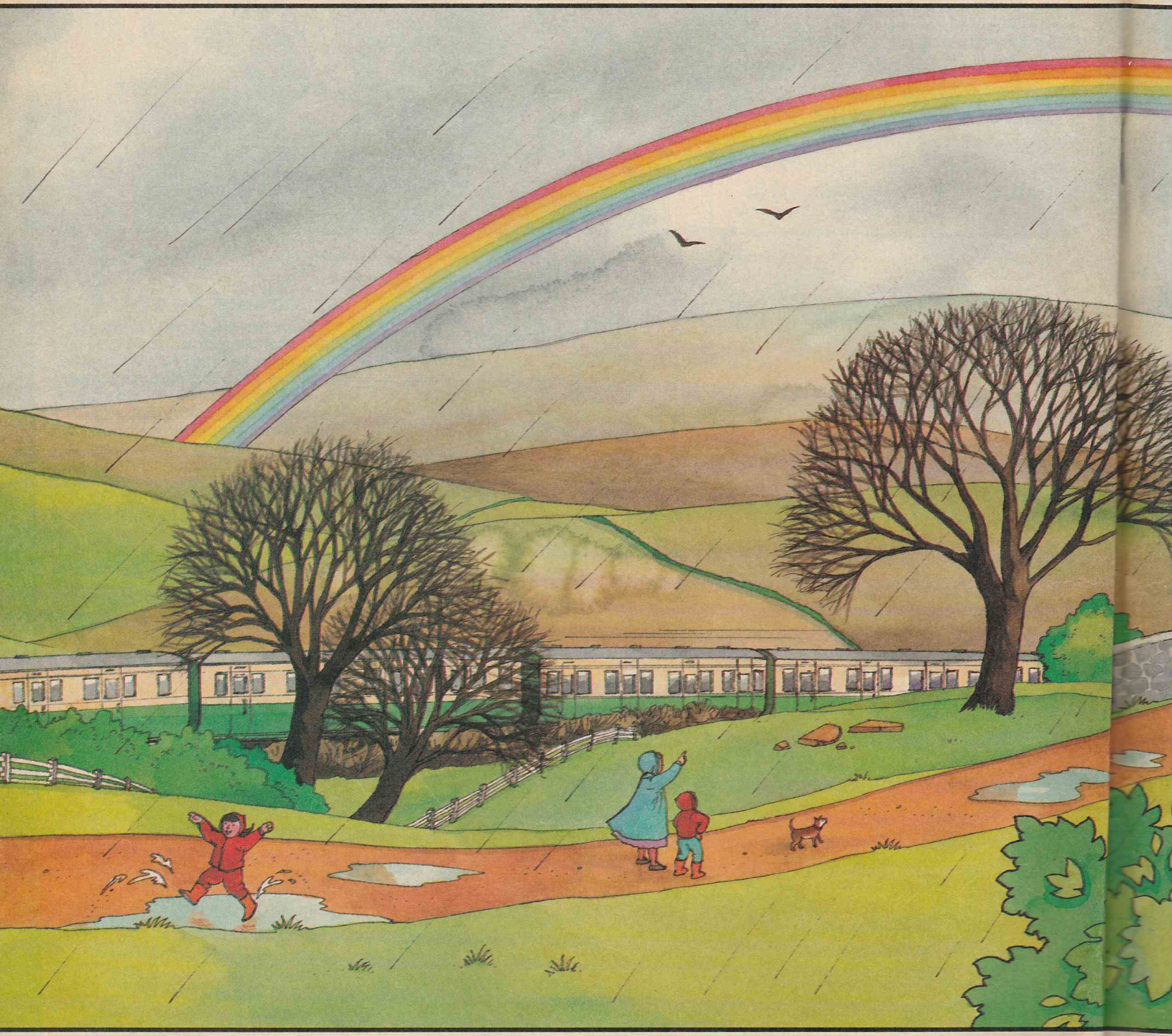

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Do you think that the rainbow is pretty?
Who do you think is pulling coaches on the other line?

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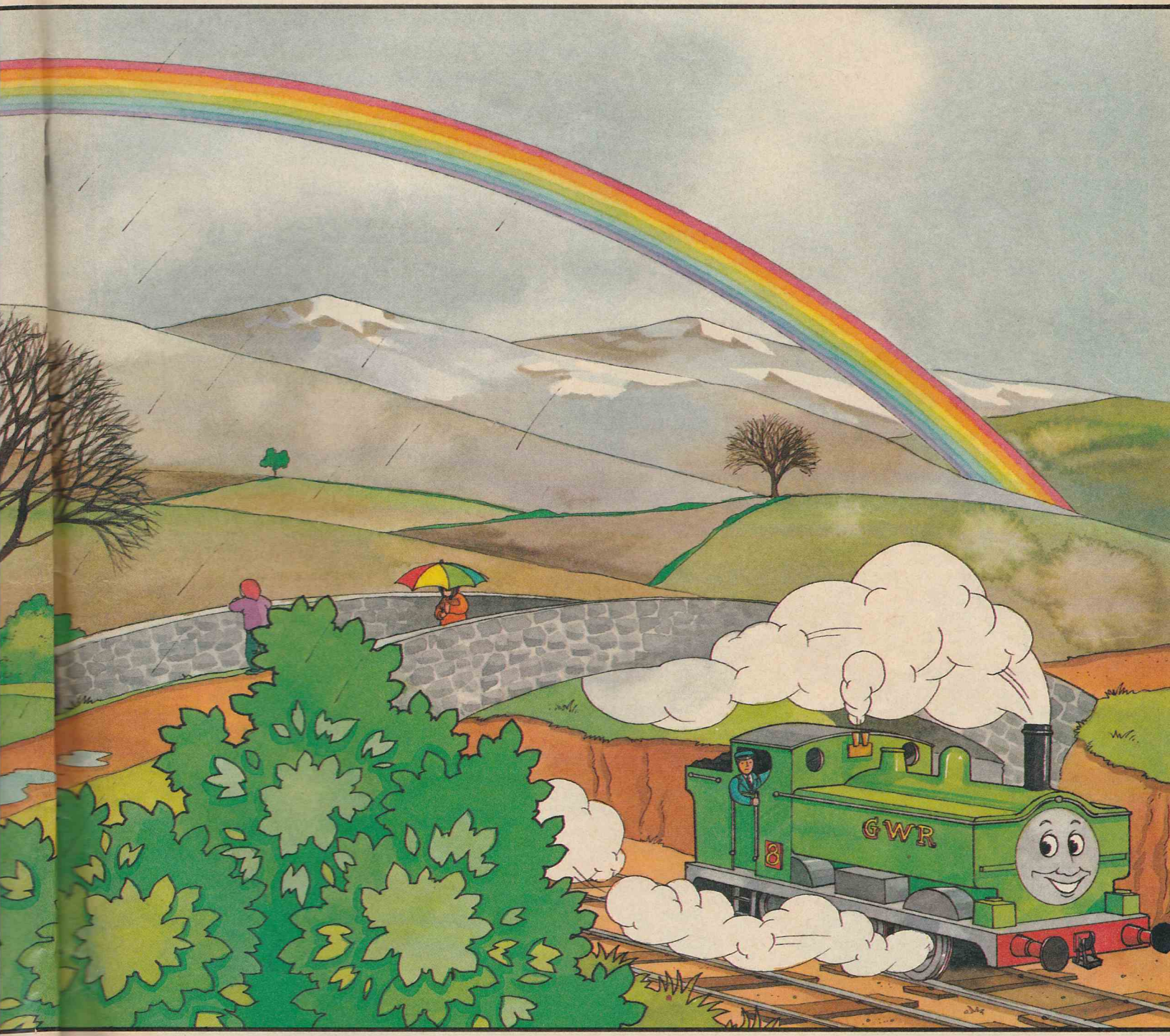

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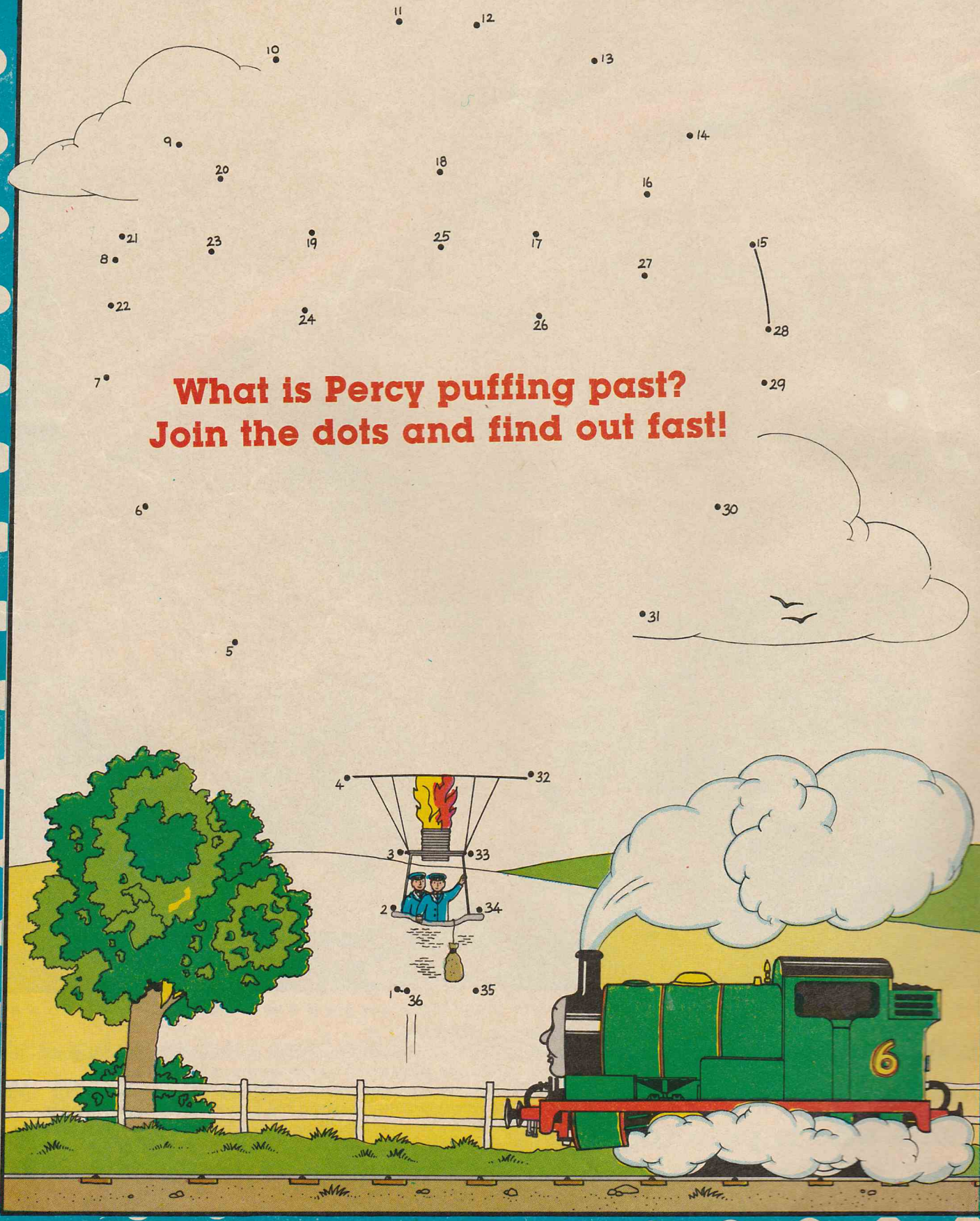
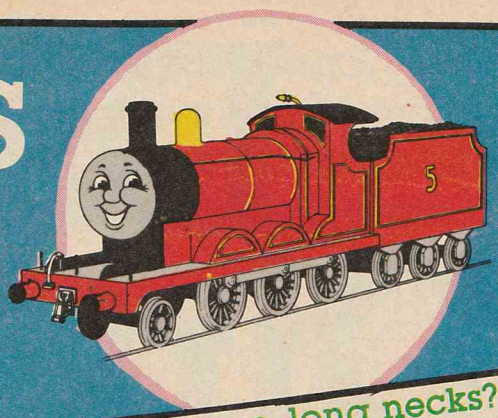


JAMES'S JAPES



Thank you for sending us all your funny jokes. Here are a few of James's favourites!

Why did the man throw the clock out of the window?
Because he wanted to see time fly!
Hilary-Ann.

Why do giraffes have long necks?
Because they have got smelly feet!
Alex.

What is dark but made by light?
A shadow!
Tom.

What did one tonsil sasy to the other?
Get dressed! The doctor's taking us out tonight!
Paul.

What sits on the seabed and shakes?
A nervous wreck!
Marie.

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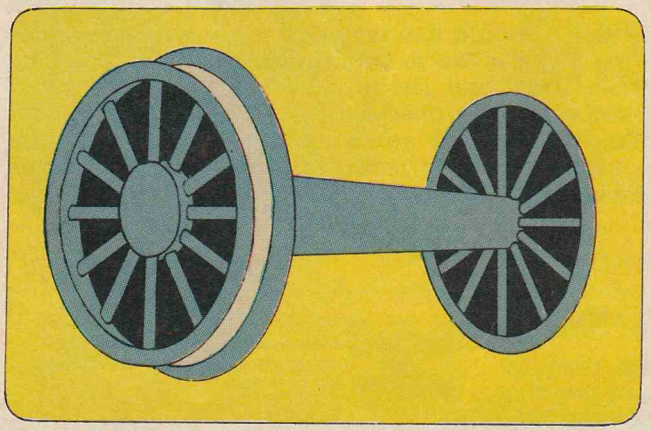
Diesel's Dirty Trick!

Diesel is the most unpopular engine on the Island of Sodor. The other engines try to keep away from him because he plays nasty tricks on them.

"Who cares if no one likes me?" snorted Diesel one day. "I don't need friends."

Diesel had been sent to the station to shunt trucks. He saw Henry being made ready to take out coaches.

"Dear me," he said, whispering to Henry. "Are you sure you're safe to go out? One of your axles looks cracked!"



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Henry was a nervous engine. He was always afraid he might rust, or break down. "Help, help!" he cried. "I can't pull coaches today. My axle's cracked! There might be an accident!"

Henry's driver sent Henry to the engine shed to be inspected. He was cross to find that Henry's axle wasn't really cracked. "We're now running behind schedule," he said. "And it's all your fault, Henry."

Poor Henry was coupled to his coaches, and pulled out of the station.

Diesel went back to work, happy that his dirty trick had worked. He shunted the trucks all morning. He pushed them hard on purpose so that they would bump each other.

"I could finish this job a lot faster if I could pull more

trucks," he grumbled to his driver.

His driver didn't think Diesel was strong enough to pull more trucks, but Diesel insisted. So extra trucks were coupled to him.

"I can do it, I can do it," he groaned, struggling to pull the extra weight. Suddenly, there was a loud crack. Diesel stopped moving.

"You silly engine," grumbled his driver, inspecting Diesel . . . "Those extra trucks were too much. Your axle has cracked under the strain."

Diesel was worried. "The Fat Controller will be cross when he finds out my work isn't finished," he groaned.

Henry had just pulled in at the station after his journey. "I'll move the trucks for you, Diesel," he said. His driver agreed that this would be all right.

Diesel was most surprised. "You are willing to help me, Henry, after that nasty trick I played on you?" He went to the engine shed to be fixed. He had a long time to think about how nice it would be to have friends, after all.

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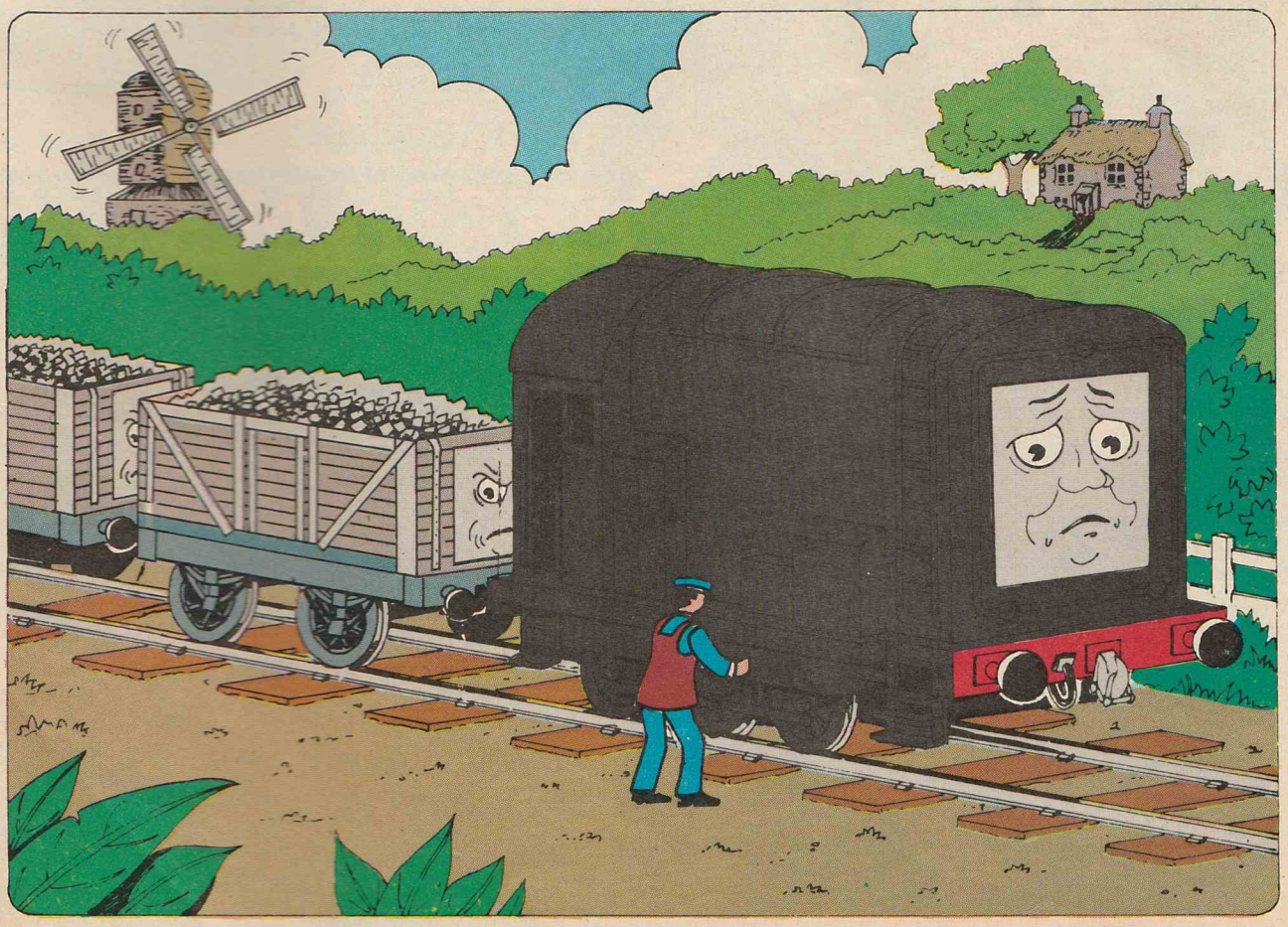

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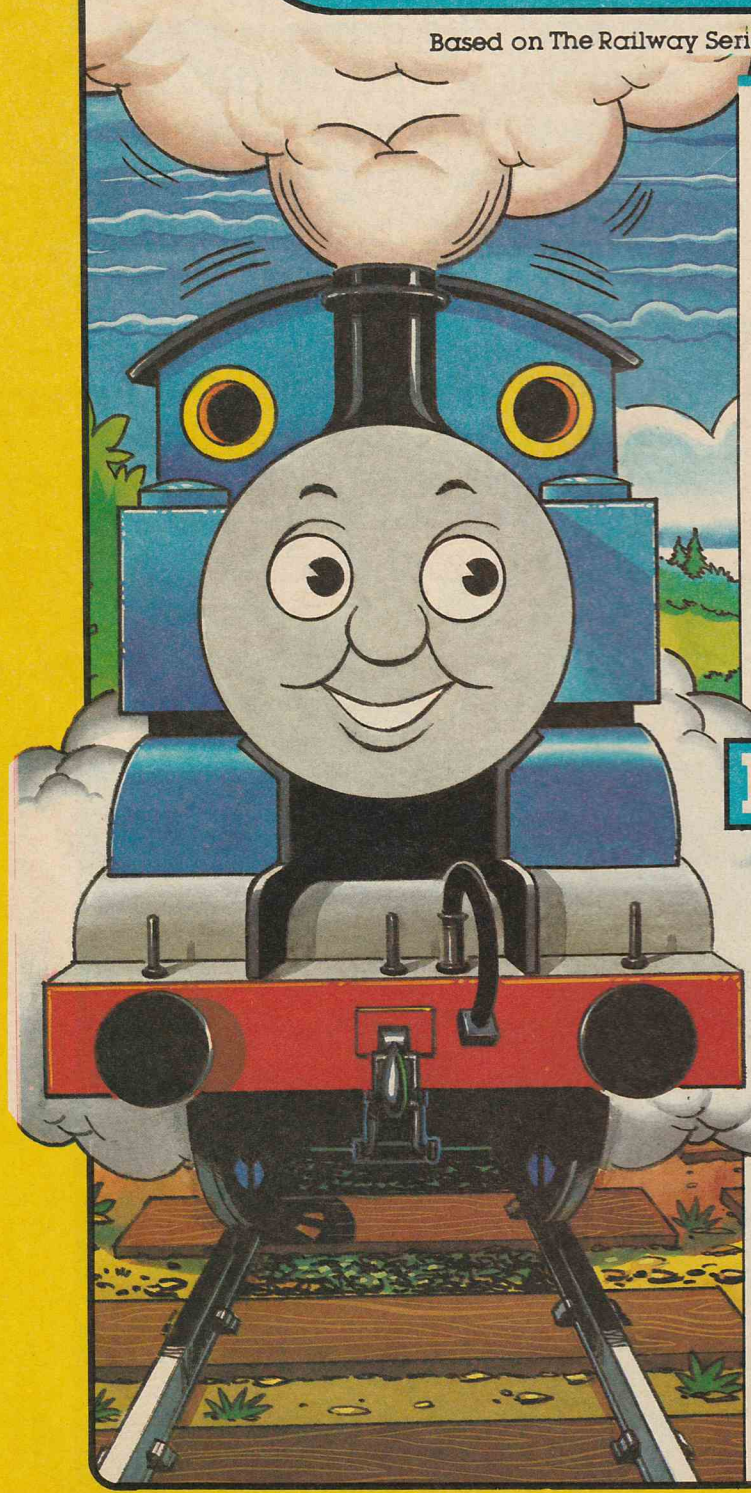

Thomas the Tank Engine and his friends learn all sorts of interesting things as they puff round the Island of Sodor.
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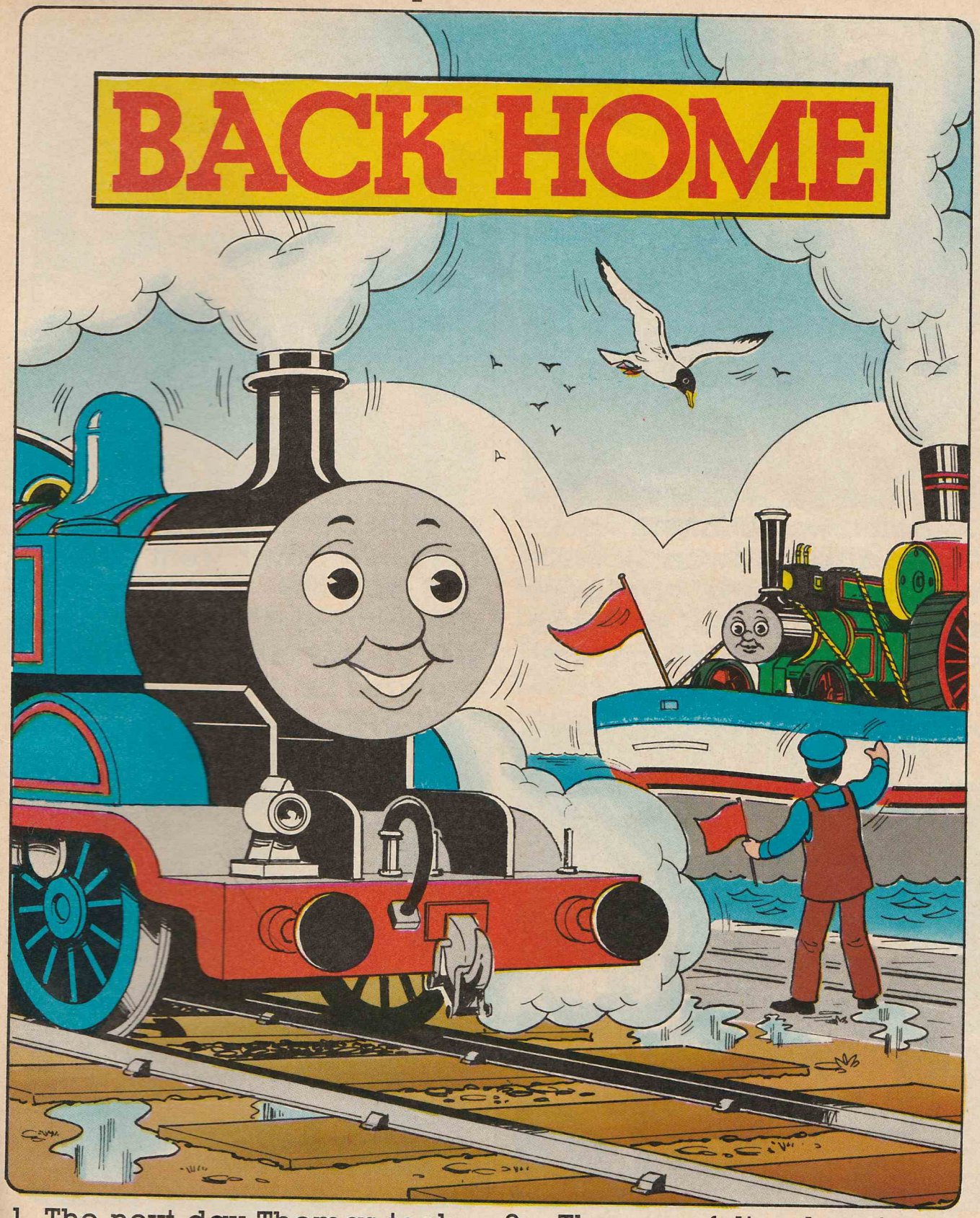
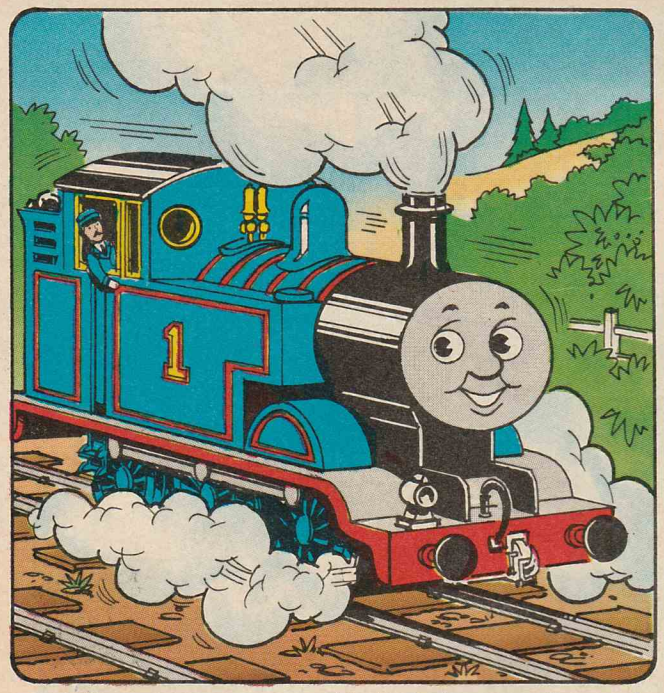
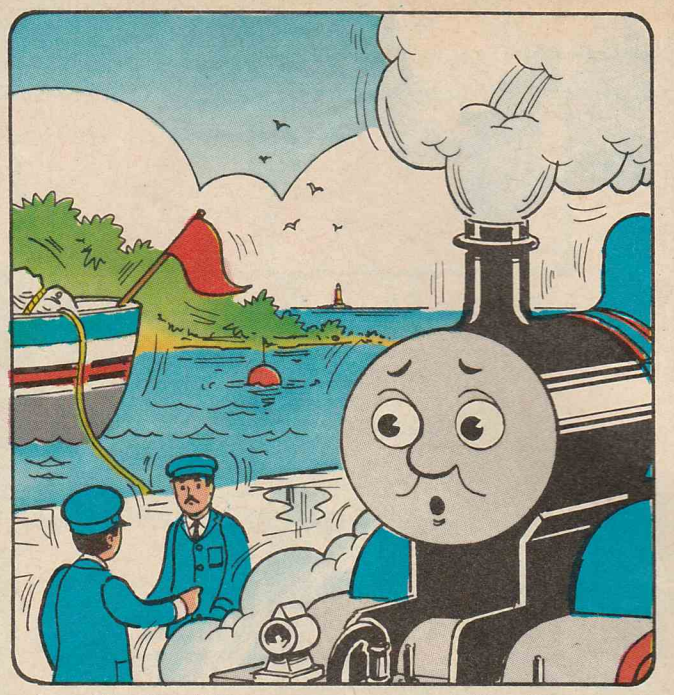


1. The next day Thomas took Trevor down to the Big Harbour to see him off. Trevor was going to a traction engine convention on the mainland.

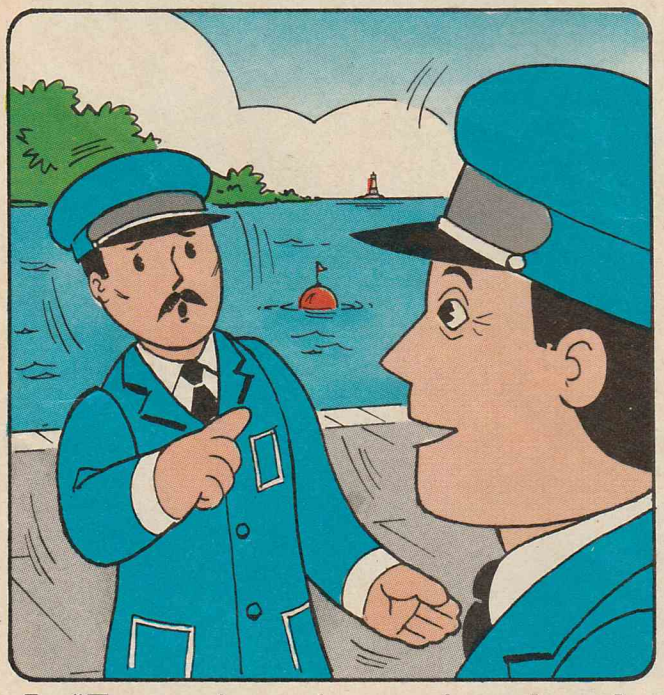
2. Thomas felt almost as excited for Trevor as if he was going himself. He waited and watched the ship until he couldn't see it anymore. "Goodbye Trevor!" he called.



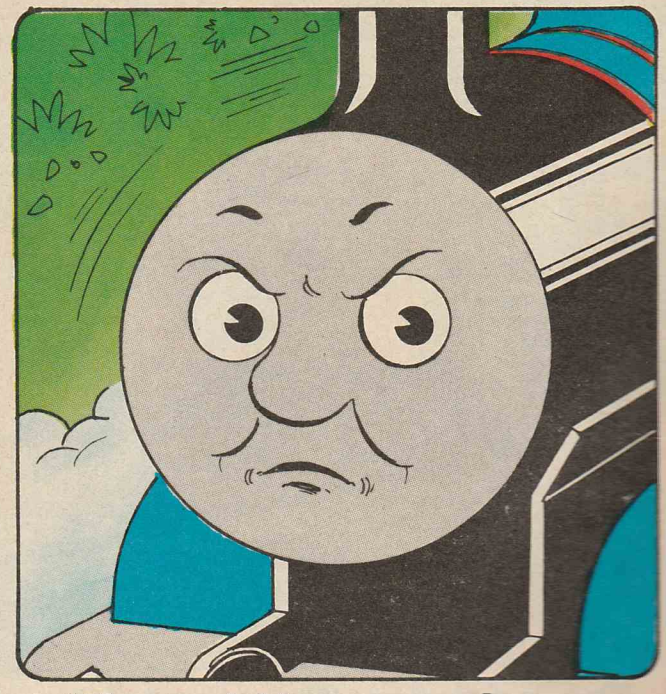
3. Thomas was thinking about Trevor all day. "I wonder what he's doing now," he kept saying. Thomas speeded down to the Big Harbour that evening to meet Trevor. . .



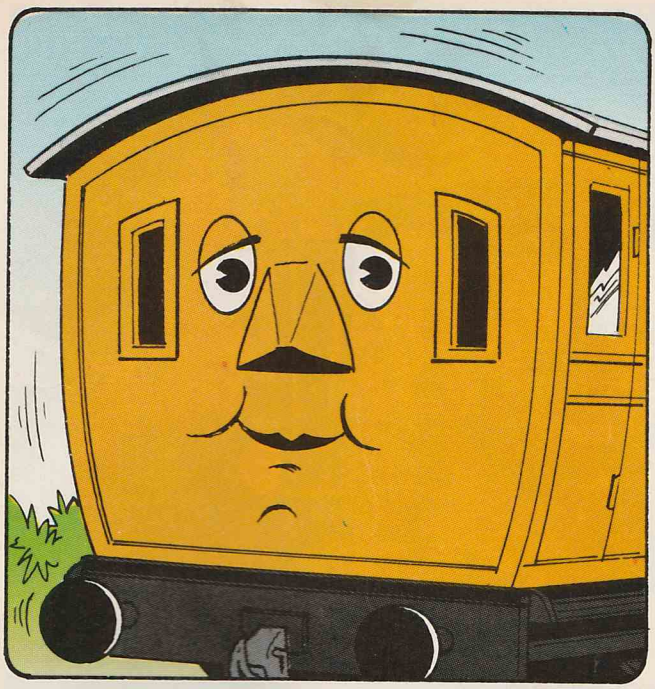
4. But Trevor wasn't there! Thomas's driver went to see the harbour stationmaster. "I'm sorry I didn't mange to let you know," he said. "Trevor changed his plans."



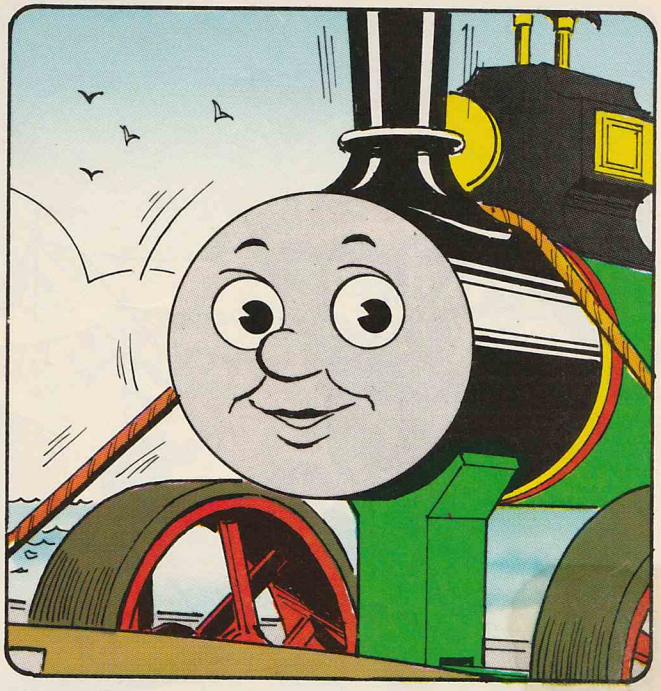
5. "Trevor's not coming back until next week now," said the stationmaster. Thomas was disappointed. He told Annie and Clarabel all about it when he went back.



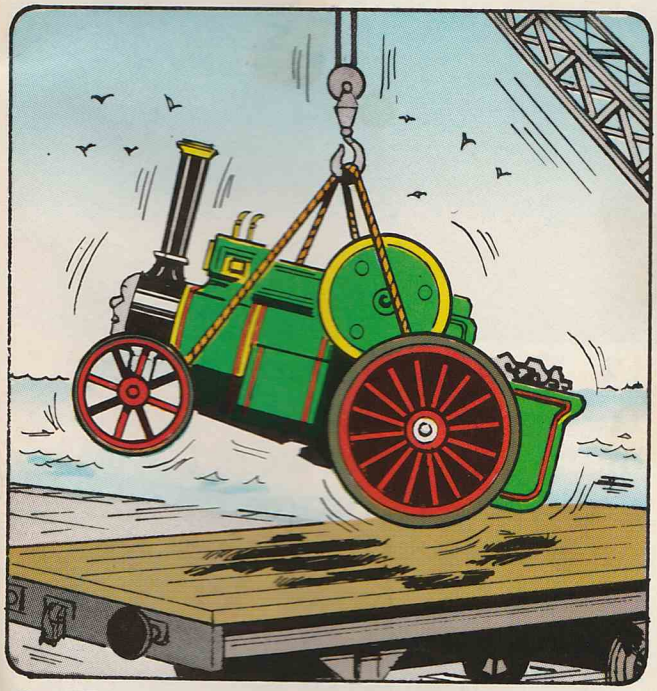
6. "He could have made some new friends," grumbled Thomas. "Maybe he'll decide not to come back at all!" Don't be silly, Thomas," said Clarabel. "Trevor **will** return."



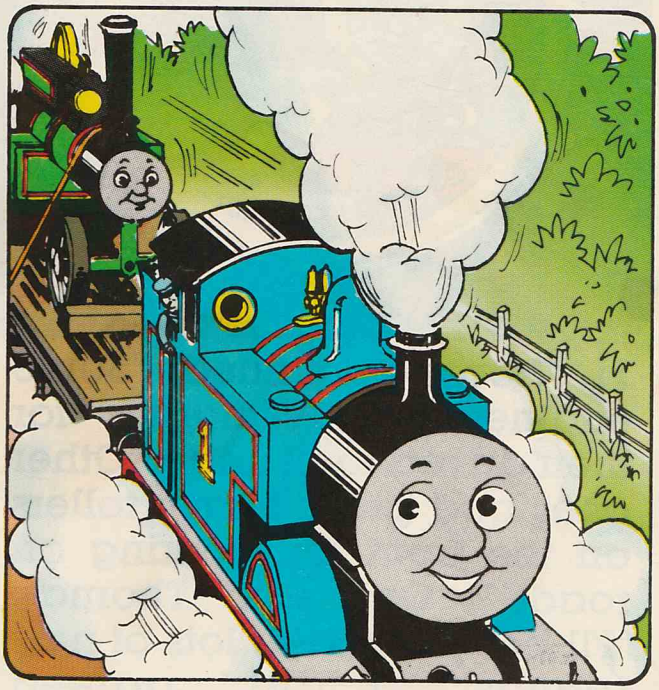
7. "Trevor's not that type of engine," agreed Annie. "He's still your friend." Nevertheless Thomas kept on grumbling. At last the day came for Trevor to return.



8. Thomas went down to the Big Harbour. He wasn't sure that Trevor would be there, but when the ship came in Trevor was on it. "Hullo, Thomas!" called Trevor.



9. The crane lowered Trevor onto Thomas's flat truck. "I have lots of news to tell you," said Trevor. "I'm sure you have," muttered Thomas as he pulled off at the dock.



10. "You should have been there, Thomas!" said Trevor. "I've never seen so many traction engines. Every make and model was there!" Thomas just listened.

11. Trevor continued. "Some engines had canopies for their drivers to sit under. Other ones had great heavy rollers on the front for working on roads!" "Oh," said Thomas. "I'll bet you made lots of new friends." "I did," agreed Trevor, not taking any notice of Thomas's grumpy tone. "And a lot of people came to see us, too!"

12. "People came for rides," Trevor told Thomas. "I told them about the work I used to do in the vicarage and. . ." "I suppose you'll be going back to the mainland for good!" said Thomas. "Oh no," said Trevor. "It was all very exciting but I'm glad to be back." I'm glad you're back too," said Thomas. "We all missed you."

THE END

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